

Constitution amendments, voting ballots mail out

Submitted by the Fifth Legislature

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Governor Eddie Hamilton and the 5th Legislature have proposed eight separate amendments to the Cheyenne & Arapaho Constitution.

Voting ballots were mailed to all adult tribal members, 18 years and older on May 27, 2015. Ballots must be returned on or prior to 5 p.m., June 27, 2015 in order to be counted. Please mark your votes and return the ballots in the postage paid envelopes provided as soon as possible.

These are small amendments making adjustments to how the government works. You will vote on each amendment individually. Vote yes on the ones you like, and no on the ones you don’t like. But please vote. This is different than the 2006 Amendment where you had one vote

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Memorial Day Tribute



Pictured l-r: Cheyenne & Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton, Steven Blackowl, Melvin RomanNose, Larry RomanNose, Vincent Scott, Doty Lumpmouth, Alex Warden, Mathison Hamilton and Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey.

The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes’ Community Development staff and guests, along with Gov. Eddie Hamilton and Lt. Gov. Cornell Sankey pay tribute to the Veterans, past and present, who serve valiantly, some with their lives, to give the gift of freedom.

The governor and lieutenant governor provided a beautiful red, white and blue wreath, placed in front of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Veteran’s Memorial Wall on May 25 in Concho,

Okla.

“The Community Development staff brought up the idea and I feel honored that they thought enough about our Cheyenne Arapaho Tribal Veterans to hold this tribute. Being a USMC veteran I understand the sacrifices made by these individuals. Twenty-two veterans commit suicide every day and I think it’s a positive action to honor their continued sacrifice,” Sankey said.

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The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes’ Dept. of Education host their annual graduation banquet May 12 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. The banquet, first scheduled for May 7, was abruptly postponed due to tornado warnings and severe weather threats that plagued Oklahoma.

Tribes celebrate 2015 graduates

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

Though the recent cropping of storms may have delayed the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes’ annual honoring of its graduates from little Head Starters to college masters, it could not be stopped.

C&A tribes’ Education Department hosted the banquet on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. A necessary switch from the original date of May 7 when severe weather threatened the safety of those attending. That threat left the tireless workers in the Education Department scrambling but not down for the count. They regrouped and reorganized, bringing the event off admirably with roughly 150 guests.

Excited high school and college graduates and their proud relatives filed into the Frisco Center that night, greeted with a receiving line of gifts from education. After a quick stop to pose for a memory saving picture, everyone took a seat ready to hear the speakers.

The program began with a flag song and then an introduction by Assistant Executive Director of Education, Gordon Yellowman, who joked about some good-natured ribbing he received about rescheduling the banquet. Assuring the crowd on the upholding of C&A traditions and ceremonies in the face of tornadoes, Yellowman told the graduates to remember their traditional education as well, not just the formal.

“One of the most important things I learned was the informal education I received from my parents, the Cheyenne traditions, the Arapaho traditions,” Yellowman said.

The night continued with a prayer by elder Viola Hatch, then a filling dinner during which graduates listened to talks by Cheyenne keynote speaker, Quinton Roman Nose and Arapaho 2015 Honored Educator, Frank Mosqueda.

Roman Nose kept the audience involved, posing thought-provoking questions about the need to develop better schools for Native American students, but also for students to take responsibility for their own path.

“Everyone who has been given much, much will be expected of them,” Roman Nose said. “You’re on a spiritual journey, you have to figure out why you’re on this earth, what to do while on that journey.”

The ceremony followed each graduate shaking hands with representatives of the Education Department as well as Governor Eddie Hamilton and Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey. Each graduate received a certificate, handmade tipi crafted by tribal member Denise Turtle.

Also, once the Education Department confirms their final transcript, checks are distributed in various amounts to the graduates Those finishing high school get a check

for \$150, associate degrees, \$300, bachelor degrees, \$400, and masters degrees \$500.

“It’s always a good thing to see the parents and grandparents come out, and they’re always so proud of their graduate,” Higher Education Coordinator Wanda Whiteman said.

Whiteman had spent the entire banquet busy yet beaming at each graduate, almost as proud as their parents. Canceling the event left her with a long list of schools to email with the announcement and plenty of work to get it rescheduled but she never complained.

“It’s all worth it to see the happy look on their faces,” she said.

May was a month of graduation celebrations, featuring even the tiny tots of the C&A tribes. Ceremonies honoring the children moving on from their Head Start education were held in Concho, Clinton and Canton.

The kids were a delight to see, in their very first graduation caps and gowns, pointing them in the direction of future occasions



Photos by Shaida Tabrizi

Graduates’ are called out individually as they walk through a receiving line.

Right: Concho Head Start graduates are celebrated during their graduation ceremony on May 21.



to don them again in high school and college. The ceremony kept more than just formal education in mind, though, linking the children back to their roots by the performance of songs in Cheyenne and Arapaho languages. The children had practiced with the Language Department, surprising their parents with their performance.

Carmen Sankey named 2015 Miss Indian Oklahoma

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

One young lady stood out from the rest as she was crowned the 2015 Miss Indian Oklahoma on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the Mvskoke Dome in Okmulgee, Okla.

Eighteen year old Carmen Sankey, Cheyenne, was the youngest of six candidates competing this year for the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women's (OFIW) 2015 Miss Indian pageant. The other candidates ranged in age of 20-24, with some of them competing for their second year.

"Carmen was our youngest candidate going up against more seasoned candidates who had already had a couple years of college under them, but Carmen presented herself so well," Debbie Hill, OFIW representative said. "She was so well spoken and all five of the judges were so impressed with her poise and her responses to their questions. We are just so happy to have Carmen as the face of Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women. I can't wait to see how she grows during her first year of reign."

This year's pageant theme was, The 7th Generation: Legacy of Past & Future Native Women Leaders.

Pageant candidates had to compete in several categories including an essay based on this year's them, tribal dress, tribal greeting, talent and present their platform.

"Carmen's platform was based on healthy lifestyles as she described how we used to eat natural foods from the land, fruits and vegetables and how over time the introduction of processed foods into Native's diets have caused health problems. Her presentation was outstanding and her goal to promote healthier lifestyles, especially among the youth was very impressive," Hill said. "For the talent portion of the contest Carmen sang a Cheyenne lullaby, explaining it was a song handed down to her from generations past and how she hoped to pass down the song to her children and grandchildren. It is so good to see such a young lady so well spoken, out spoken about her beliefs and culture

and we are just so happy to have Carmen representing the federation."

According to the OFIW Website, the first meeting of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women was hosted in 1969 by Alice and Boyce Timmons and Georgeann Robinson. Over 50 women of different tribes came together on the University of Oklahoma (OU) campus in Norman, Okla., to form a statewide organization of Indian women.

The organization was founded under a state charter on April 17, 1972 and a constitution was written which states, "The advancement of the economic and social welfare of the American Indian, the development of education and cultural programs; preservation of Indian culture and traditions; and to portray the true image of the American Indian."

The OFIW began the Miss Indian Oklahoma pageant in 1973, with Deana Harragarra crowned as the first Miss Indian Oklahoma. In 1983, the Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma pageant was initiated as a fund-raiser for

the organization.

"It is a true honor to have been crowned the 2015-2016 Miss Indian Oklahoma. Representing the OFIW (Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women) is such prestigious title that I have the privilege of doing. I am so excited for what all this year has to bring. Thank you Creator for the opportunity you have given me. Thank you family and friends for your support and encouragement. Haho," Sankey sent out via Facebook after being crowned Miss Indian Oklahoma.

Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma was won by Ada resident, Faithlyn Seawright, Chickasaw/Choctaw.

For more information about the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women visit www.ofiw.org.



Courtesy photos
Carmen Sankey's family surrounds her immediately after being crowned the 2015 Miss Indian Oklahoma in Okmulgee, Okla.



Cheyenne & Arapaho Labor Day Powwow Princess Coronation Dance

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Oklahoma Native youth wins Gates Scholarship

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal member Mary Guy is a typical 17-year-old, balancing the scales of her time between Netflix and less entertaining responsibilities while figuring out what's next. What to do now that the milestone of high school is finally behind her.

Guy excels at school and languages, successfully completing three advanced placement classes her senior year while also serving as president of Norman North High School's Native American Club.

Fortunately, one decision has been, if not made, then at least made easier for her when she received the Gates Millennium Scholarship, thereby securing her undergraduate college education.

According to its website, the Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding low income African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline they choose.

Students completed an in depth application process for the scholarship, proving grade point averages and blood quantum, and also writing eight personal essays enabling judges to really get to know them.

Guy submitted her packet online with only one minute left before the deadline passed and the website closed for good.

"I freaked out. And I said I'm never turning in anything late again," Guy said, laughing. "But 57,000 people in the US applied and only 1,000 got it. And only 150 Native Americans. So, I feel really blessed to have this."

Now that she can rest easy on the financial part of college, all Guy has to do is decide what course of study to pursue.

"I haven't really decided yet what I want to do," Guy said. "I know what I like. I love languages and culture, learning about people, that's why I lean toward teaching."

Guy has been accepted as an undergraduate at the University of Oklahoma and the major chosen on her application is international studies, but she plans to change that to Native American studies and hopes to learn the Arapaho language.

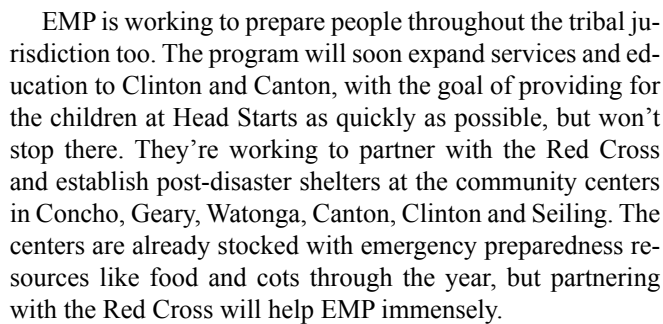
"I want to learn more about where my people come from. My grandmother, she used to speak the language when she was younger but she was sent to a boarding school and she told me that they'd wash her mouth out when she would speak it," Guy said. "So, I've only heard her speak a few words and I've always wanted to learn it and maybe teach my kids. I've always referred to myself as Native American, I like that part of my culture and I've always been interested in it, so I thought why not study it and pursue it since I do like it so much?"

Whatever Guy decides, she hopes to accomplish her goals of traveling around the world and also connecting to her Cheyenne and Arapaho culture close to home through tutoring.

"I'd like to do Indian education tutoring, because I want to encourage younger Native youths to graduate more and that education is worth it," Guy said. "That you can do it regardless of what people say or statistics, you can do it regardless of what happens at home or school. I want them to know that it's worth it."



By Shaida Tabrizi Reporter/Ad Sales



"That was really awesome, so they do know and they can get the word out about the shelters, that there are places for them to go if there is severe weather in the area," Pollock said.

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

The donation will enable Geary to enlarge the existing workout facilities. Al-

It was a small presentation without much ceremony in the middle of a torrential rain, which has become so typical for our state this month, but Glasgow invited a few athletic guests most excited about the planned expansion, wrestling star students Ross Shawnee and Dion Brown. In addition, Glasgow brought in two of the school's coaches, Stephen Wilson and Jacob Peck, calling them the backbone of the entire project. After a few words about the project, Gov. Hamilton handed the donation to the athletic representatives, discussing the importance of giving kids a productive



place to go after school.

The weight room expansion will benefit more than just high school students. Coach Wilson is also the physical education teacher for Geary's elementary school and has been introducing the younger boys

"We hope the community will take advantage of it," Glasgow said. "Maybe get the moms and others who don't want to go to the weight room will come up and walk around the football field. We'll get everyone moving and being active, that's our goal. Make it good for everybody."

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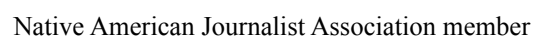
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Amendments

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on the whole constitution.

In the following pages, explanations of each proposed change is outlined, hopefully in simplified terms to avoid confusion.

Please call the governor’s office or your Legislator if there are any questions before voting. The governor and legislature believe that voting on each small change is better than the all or nothing approach.

Also, this vote is the first conducted by tribal rules, not BIA rules. All adult members can vote without needing a special registration period. There are other parts of the Constitution that could be improved and there will be another vote later, after much discussion on what else needs to be amended.

Please read carefully the explanation pages below and watch for your ballot in the mail.

Ballot Question 1.
1. An amendment to remove the restriction on membership if a person has “shared in any land or money” from being enrolled with another tribe.

Explanation: Under the current rule, if you receive land or money from another tribe then you cannot enroll at C&A. This amendment will remove that rule and allow eligible people to enroll even if they have received land or money from another Tribe. This amendment completely removes Article IV-Membership, Section 2-Other Tribes. The current rule is replaced with the word “Repealed,” so that the later paragraphs do not have to be renumbered and someday a rule may be placed there.

Constitution:
CURRENT:
Section 2. Other Tribes. Persons who possess blood of another Indian tribe shall not be enrolled if they have shared in any land or money by virtue of having been enrolled as a member of the other tribe.

NEW: Section 2. Repealed.

Ballot Question 2.
2. An amendment to prohibit dual enrollment and return after relinquishment.

Explanation: This amendment adds two new rules to the end of Article IV-MEMBERSHIP. New paragraph (a) will clearly prohibit dual enrollment. New paragraph (b) adds a rule clearly prohibiting relinquishment of membership and return. In (b) adults are not allowed to re-enroll unless they were children when they were disenrolled. If a child relinquish-

es membership, they can re-enroll after they turn 18 years CURRENT. This will add a new Section 5.

Constitution:
NEW: Section 5. Dual Enrollment and Relinquishment.

Dual Enrollment with another tribe is strictly prohibited. Persons who are members of another federally recognized Indian tribe may become members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes if otherwise eligible and a conditional relinquishment of the other tribal membership is filed that relinquishes the other membership upon the conferring of Cheyenne and Arapaho membership.

Any adult member who relinquishes their membership after the enactment of this section shall not be eligible for re-enrollment. Minors otherwise eligible may enroll after they become 18 years old, regardless of any prior relinquishment.

Ballot Question 3.
3. An amendment to remove federal approval authority over the Membership law and make the process for enactment and amendment of the membership law the same as other laws of the Tribes.

Explanation: This amendment to Article IV, MEMBERSHIP, takes out the Secretary of the Interior’s authority to approve changes to our Membership Ordinance. It will also allow the Membership Ordinance to be approved by the Legislative Process, like all other laws:

Constitution:
CURRENT: Section 4. Future Membership. The tribal council shall have the power to enact resolutions and/or ordinances, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, governing future membership and the adoption of new members.

NEW: Section 4. Future Membership. The law implementing this Article and governing membership must be an act passed pursuant to the Legislative Process in Article VI, Section 7.

Ballot Question 4.
4. An amendment to remove the limit of three consecutive four-year terms for Legislators.

Explanation: Term limits take away the voters democratic right to select their representative. In traditional Cheyenne and Arapaho ways, there were no term limits. There are no term limits for the other elected officials.

Constitution:
CURRENT: Section 3. Terms. District Legislators

shall serve four year staggered terms of office. A Legislator shall be eligible to serve three consecutive terms under this Constitution. Upon the completion of the third consecutive term, the Legislator shall not be eligible to serve on the Legislature until a period of two years has elapsed. A partial term shall be considered a term.

NEW: Section 3. Terms. District Legislators shall serve four year staggered terms of office. A Legislator may serve unlimited terms in succession or otherwise as decided by the voters.

Ballot Question 5.
5. An amendment to allow flexibility in scheduling Legislative Sessions.

Explanation: This will allow Regular Legislative Sessions to be held on another date in the same month. There will still be five days’ public notice sent to many locations. Because of ceremonies, deaths, natural disasters, and other reasons, it is sometimes not proper to hold sessions on a set day. With this rule the Legislature can respect the Tribes’ traditions and still perform their duties.

Constitution:
CURRENT: Section 6. Sessions.

(a). The Legislature shall convene in Concho for twelve Regular Sessions of up to two consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 9:00 am. Legislative Committees may convene at any time.

NEW: Section 6. Sessions.

(a). The Legislature shall convene in Concho for twelve Regular Sessions of up to two consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 9:00 am, unless the Legislature votes in a prior session that for good cause the session should be held at another date and time within the same month. Ballot Question 6.

6. An amendment to require a quorum for Legislative Sessions and to require Legislators to attend Sessions.

Explanation: These 3 amendments to Article VI, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, will ensure that past problems of the Legislature do not occur again. The three changes are together in one question because they fit together. The first question will delete the current “no quorum” rule, because this allowed two different meetings at the same time. The second will require a quorum of at least five Legislators to be present in a

Session. This should work because with the new attendance rule Legislators must attend Sessions. A Session is where votes are taken on bills. The third will require Legislators to not miss three Regular Sessions in a row or else at least four Legislators can vote to seek to remove them by special election. The Legislator can stay in office until their district votes to remove or keep them.

Constitution:
CURRENT: Section 5 (c). The Legislature shall have the power to set its own procedures consistent with this Constitution. During an official session of the Legislature, a quorum shall not be required to pass bills pursuant to the Legislative Process. The Legislature shall have the power to employ Legislative staff and establish Legislative Committees comprised exclusively of Legislators.

NEW: Section 5 (c). The Legislature shall have the power to set its own procedures consistent with this Constitution. The Legislature shall have the power to employ Legislative staff and establish Legislative Committees comprised exclusively of Legislators.

NEW: Section 6. Sessions, is amended to add a new paragraph (d) to read: A quorum of five Legislators is required to convene a session and conduct any business.

NEW: Section 1. Removal of Legislators by Recall Election, is amended to number the existing paragraph as (a) add a new paragraph (b) to read:

(b) The Legislature shall have the power to seek the removal of a Legislator for unexcused absences from three consecutive Regular Legislative Sessions by vote of four Legislators. The Legislator may keep their position until the Election Commission conducts an election pursuant to Section 8.

Ballot Question 7.
7. An amendment to allow laws passed to become effective earlier when necessary.

Explanation: This amendment to Article VI-LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, will allow laws passed to become effective earlier than 30 days if necessary. The earlier date and reasons will be specified in each urgent bill. Many times the government must take action quickly.

Constitution:
CURRENT: Section 7. Legislative Process
(a) (iv). All Bills passed by the Legislature shall be

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1. An amendment to remove the restriction on membership if a person has "shared in any land or money" from being enrolled with another tribe." (Vote for 1)

☐ Yes, for the amendment

☐ No, against the amendment

2. An amendment to prohibit dual enrollment and return after relinquishment. (Vote for 1)

☐ Yes, for the amendment

☐ No, against the amendment

3. An amendment to remove federal approval authority over the Membership law and make the process for enactment and amendment of the membership law the same as other laws of the Tribes. (Vote for 1)

☐ Yes, for the amendment

☐ No, against the amendment

4. An amendment to remove the limit of three consecutive four-year terms for Legislators. (Vote for 1)

☐ Yes, for the amendment

☐ No, against the amendment

5. An amendment to allow flexibility in scheduling Legislative Sessions.

☐ Yes, for the amendment

☐ No, against the amendment

6. An amendment to require a quorum for Legislative Sessions and to require Legislators to attend Sessions. (Vote for 1)

☐ Yes, for the amendment

☐ No, against the amendment

7. An amendment to allow laws passed to become effective earlier when necessary. (Vote for 1)

☐ Yes, for the amendment

☐ No, against the amendment

8. An amendment to place a 10 year limit on the felony restriction for Election Commissioners. (Vote for 1)

☐ Yes, for the amendment

☐ No, against the amendment

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NEW: Section 7. Legislative Process

(a) (iv). All Bills passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor for signature or veto. All laws shall take effect thirty days after signature by the Governor or veto override by the Legislature, unless the Legislature and Governor find that an urgent need for an earlier or later effective date is necessary.

Ballot Question 8.
8. An amendment to place a 10 year limit on the felony restriction for Election Commissioners.

Explanation: This amendment to Article IX-ELECTIONS, will remove the lifetime felony restriction for Election Commissioners. Other officers of the Tribes have only a 10 year limit and so this rule will be the same for the Election Commissioners:

Constitution:

CURRENT: Section 3. Election Commission.

(c). Each Member of the Election Commission shall possess at a minimum a High School degree or its equivalent. No person convicted of a felony shall serve as an Election Commission Member.

NEW: Section 3. Election Commission.

(c). Each Member of the Election Commission shall possess at a minimum a High School degree or its equivalent. No person convicted of a felony within the last 10 years shall serve as an Election Commission Member.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO CONSTITUTION

Pursuant to Constitution Article XIII, Section 1(a), Resolution 5L-RS-2015-02-002 was passed by the 5th Legislature on the 14th day of February, 2015, and signed into law by Governor Eddie Hamilton on February 27, 2015. The Resolution calls for **eight separate votes** on the eight individual amendments. Amendments 1, 2, and 3 amend ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP. Amendments 4, 5, 6, and 7 amend ARTICLE VI, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH. Amendment 8 amends ARTICLE IX, ELECTIONS. You will mark the Ballot to cast your votes on each of the eight questions individually. Keep this Explanation for your records. Return the Ballot to the Election Commission in the envelopes provided.

Legislative News

April Regular Session

The regular session for April was held on Saturday, April 11. The bills passed were:

Full Faith & Credit Act, signed by Gov. Eddie Hamilton on April 24, 2015

Amend the Health Board Ordinance, vetoed by Gov. Eddie Hamilton on April 24, 2015

Amend the Tax Code, vetoed by Gov. Eddie Hamilton on April 24, 2015

Revocable License Building Use of IHS Clinton Hospital, signed by Gov. Eddie Hamilton on April 24, 2015

Request Dental Services from IHS for the El Reno Clinic, signed by Gov. Eddie Hamilton on April 24, 2015

Attendance

The Legislature holds several public hearings throughout the month, both at Concho and at various communities, in order to get feedback from Tribal members regarding Legislative actions. This feedback is extremely important and we want to thank those who attend and those who take this information to their family and friends to discuss. The following public hearings were held throughout April 2015, along with the attendance

of each Legislator

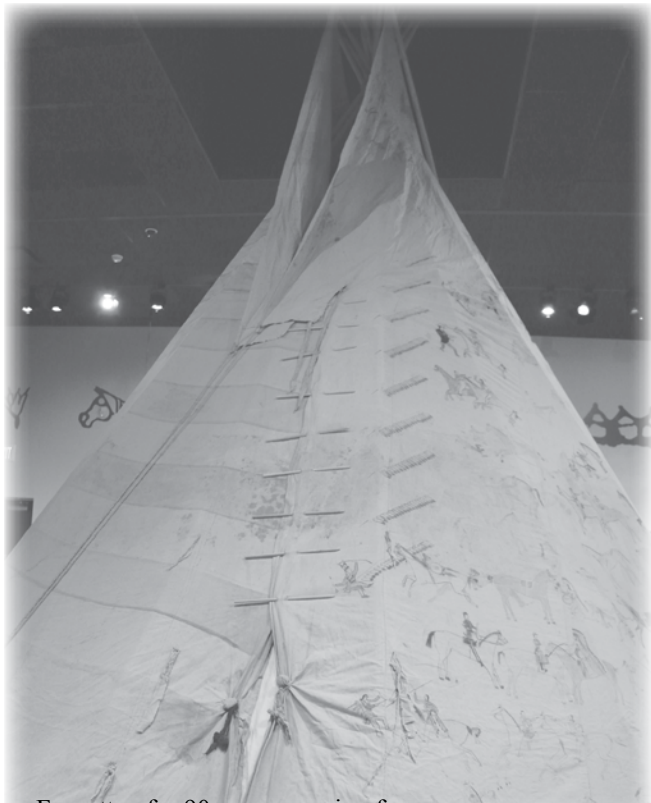
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Hearing	Desc	C1	C2	C3	C4	A1	A2	A3	A4
Apr 2	Hearing/Concho	*		*			*		
Apr 9	Hearing/Concho	*		*			*	*	
Apr 11	Regular Session/Concho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Apr 16	Hearing/Concho	*					*		
Apr 20	Hearing/Hammon			*	*			*	*
Apr 28	Hearing/Concho	*	*				*	*	
Apr 30	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*		*	*	*	

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C1 Bruce Whitman
C2 Alan Fletcher
C3 Cheevers Heap of Birds
C4 Kyle Orange
A1 Eugene Mosqueda
A2 Christine Morton
A3 Patrick Spottedwolf
A4 Winslow Sankey

Tipi with battle pictures found after almost a century



Forgotten for 90 years, moving from place to place under a mistaken identity and collecting dust, a relic has finally made its way back into the historical and cultural limelight it deserves at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City.

Five years ago, Oklahoma History Center Curator Matt Reed discovered what has come to be called the Tipi with Battle Pictures rolled up in the archives of the museum.

“It’s kind of a cliché about museums finding things on their shelves that they didn’t know they had,” Reed said. “I’ve seen those stories but I never thought I would be in one of them. But essentially we had this in our collections and didn’t know it.”

The tipi had been assigned the same tracking number as two other tipis in

and inherited from him the design for the Tipi with Battle Pictures.

Though Kiowa in origin, the tipi is connected to Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal culture as well. The tradition of making this style of tipi began in 1845, when Cheyenne Chief Nahko-Sevast, or Sleeping Bear, gave Jôhâusân a buffalo hide tipi decorated on the south side with yellow stripes representing the war exploits of Sleeping Bear. Jôhâusân appreciated the gift and liked the idea so much he added black stripes to represent his own war exploits, and those of the tribe’s leading warriors. His tribe made a new tipi every year with new war story depictions, but motifs like the stripes, as well as tomahawks and lances repeated on each new tipi. The tradition continued for about 40 years,

the museum’s collection, so it was a huge surprise to Reed when he went looking for a kitschy tipi with additions made by a cowboy and instead found the 103-year-old Tipi with Battle Pictures.

It’s a Kiowa canvas tipi crafted in 1912 by Charley and Mary Buffalo and featuring the war stories of men from the best Kiowa families at the time. Charley Buffalo, or High Forehead, was a nephew of the original Kiowa Chief Jôhâusân

until conflict with the U.S. caused it to become increasingly intermittent and then completely die out.

When the tipi design passed into the possession of Charley Buffalo in 1892, he spent about 20 years researching with his family and leading Kiowa men before they got together and created it in 1912. The ‘Tipi with Battle Pictures’ they made represented Kiowa culture so well it was even featured in a 1920 film, *The Daughter of Dawn*, a love story shot in Craterville, Okla. with predominantly Kiowa actors.

The museum’s exhibit follows the intricate story of the tipi’s creation in more detail, with recorded interviews of elders Reed tracked down and a running loop of the film, but the main attraction is the beautiful tipi which dominates the large room, allowing spectators a full 360 degree view. Countless hours were spent on the design, a huge labor of love for Bell and Curator of Exhibits Lori Oden, taking five years and mountains of research.

“Having something like this pop up where you work ... it’s not very often you’re presented with something that exciting,” Reed said. “So it’s exciting, and there’s this military aspect to it, and all this tribal history, and there are so many people who are here in this very room that are descended from these men, so it’s tangible. You can go out and talk to these descendants and they probably have stories that have been handed down. The dots haven’t been connected between what we’re looking at and what they know. So that’s another adventurous part of this.”

The ‘Tipi with Battle Pictures’ exhibit will run for two years at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City. For more information, call (405) 521-2491.



Photo by Shaida Tabrizi

It’s anything but a daily grind at Iron Tree Coffee House where baristas keep the atmosphere fun while helping customers.

Wake up and smell the coffee

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

There’s a new place in town to satisfy your caffeine addiction, blending new with old, tradition with innovation and education with pure enjoyment.

It’s Iron Tree Coffee Company, just reaching its four-month birthday at 108 East Woodson Street in downtown El Reno. Though still a sapling, the shop is deeply rooted in the town, residing in a 100-year-old building, owned by longtime residents JT Cronister and Mike Garrison and managed by Kayla Kellogg, an expert barista transplanted from Florida.

Though a little off the beaten path, the surrounding community has been supportive of the new venture.

“We have people coming in all of the time saying, ‘Oh it’s my first time,’” Kellogg said. “So, they’re still discovering it but the community has been amazing, just super supportive and getting the word of mouth out. We have a really good customer base already.”

Iron Tree is a traditional coffee house, making it different from homey brands like Folgers or the nearly fast-food nature of Starbucks. The drinks are all one size, and take a slightly longer time to prepare. Yet, as Kellogg says, the experience is what matters.

“I think we are a little different or exotic, not something that El Reno is used to maybe,” Kellogg said. “So, yeah we only serve one size

espresso based drinks, the ten ounce. We have people asking for larger drinks and we just let them know that we’re a traditional coffee shop. It’s more about the experience and the quality, not the quantity. But there’s tons of coffee in each drink.”

The employees do their best to make each customer’s experience as pleasant as possible, whether by answering questions about their menu or simply engaging in the small-town idle chit chat Oklahomans have perfected into a science.

The shop has a drive-thru, yet it renders more of a convenience than an expedited service, as it is too small to maintain the necessary extra machinery for double orders. Instead, customers receive a first come, first served provision.

In addition to high quality, slow-roasted coffee and espresso based drinks, Iron Tree offers alternatives for the anti-coffee crowd, like loose leafed tea and blended drinks. There is a tempting selection of pastries as well, made by Prairie Thunder bakery in midtown Okla. City for those whose tastes tend toward the sweeter end of the spectrum.

Iron Tree brings entertainment to El Reno as well, featuring local musicians at live music nights on Fridays and Saturdays. For information on the upcoming music lineup or the shop itself, visit www.facebook.com/iron-treellc.

Childhood Obesity

Obesity continues to be a growing concern for American Indian children. Recent studies by the American Diabetes Association indicate one in two American Indian children will develop type 2 diabetes, as a result of obesity; a rate higher than an other racial or ethnic group.

“Childhood obesity is a common disease we see in American Indian youth,” Harmony-y Clinic Endocrinologist Dr. Pau. Sasari said. “But by teaching then healthy eating habits and encouraging exercise at an early age, parents can help their children create routines that will be beneficial to their lifestyle as they grow up.”

Encourage healthy eating habits. It is important to set ground rules when it comes to food, such as limiting snacks and the number of times you eat out at restaurants. Helping your children develop healthy eating habits will boost their immune system and help prevent weight-related issues, as they get older.

Make favorite foods healthier. Foods like ice cream, pizza and pasta, while tasty, are not healthy for growing children. By changing some recipes or replacing these items with a healthy al-

ternative, such as frozen yogurt in place of ice cream and or spaghetti squash in place of pasta, you can make a big difference in your child’s health, but still allow them to eat the foods they like.

Help your children stay active. According to the American Heart Association, children and teens should engage in at least 60 minutes of high-energy physical activity on a daily basis. This does not necessarily mean having a strict exercise routine. Children can stay active by getting involved in sports or other physical activities to help them burn calories. Group bike rides or walks are great ways to include the whole family. Limiting TV and Internet time for young children is also a great way to keep them from developing a sedentary lifestyle.

Set the example. Children pick up on what their parents do and say. It is important to lead by example when it comes to living a healthy lifestyle. Creating healthy eating habits and staying active will help encourage them to do the same. If you are not willing to take control of your health, then your children will not see the need to either.

Being Native American in Guam

By Mark Curtis



Submitted photo

Mark Curtis visits the Sand Creek Massacre site in Colorado on one of his visits back to the United States from Guam.

Being Native American in Guam is very different from the United States.

While it’s always hot here in Guam, it’s really hard to get used to. I’m more used to the climate in Oklahoma. Oklahoma weather is better for me, I think. Lightning, thunder, rain, the wind, snow and freezing cold temperatures.

Also, Oklahoma is known for tornadoes but I think they’re almost the same as typhoons, though I’ve never experienced a typhoon in Guam or even a tsunami.

Anyways, about the people here in Guam, they remind me of other Natives that I know in America. I always get homesick or daydream about my friends and relatives in the states, like what or how they are doing.

Sometimes I will tell people that I’m Native American, but they just don’t know what to think. Some say that’s rare for a Native to be this far away from the states. I do enjoy being here, having fun, swimming at the beautiful beaches, going to church with family and

meeting new people.

The culture is very different than the Native culture. For one, their art is different and their food, dances and beliefs. My favorite is the food, very tasteful and good. And the different variety of fruits that are good for you. Maybe I will try cooking frybread and beans for myself since everyone here in Guam would rather eat rice.

Well, I will always be proud to be a Native American even here in Guam. Even though it has taken some time getting used to living here in Guam, I will always miss the U.S.

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July 27-Aug. 2, 2015 at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, Wash. For more information visit www.aaip.

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Aug. 16-21, 2015 at the Choctaw Conference Center in Durant, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.ninaetc.net.

Second annual National Native American Leadership Forum

Aug. 17-18, 2015 at the Morgan Stanley Corporate Office and Headquarters in New York City. For more in-

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Life After High School

All across Indian Country high school students are taking the walk across the stage, donned in caps and gowns and filled with anticipation about their lives ... their lives after high school.

I recently interviewed, at random, four Cheyenne-Arapaho high school graduates, to get their perspective about how they see their life after high school. Four very different students with four different circumstances, but seemingly one common goal amongst them all ... higher education.



Danielle Blackwolf, 20 years old, Graduate of El Reno Academy.

Danielle’s story has been one of never giving up. She didn’t give up pursuing her high school diploma, even after giving birth to her 2 month old son, Tarryn Williams.

I joined the El Reno Academy because I thought it would be easier for me to work at my own pace, rather than regular classroom. I asked around if I could come over here because I was falling way behind in regular school, but since I have been here I have worked at my own pace and have made progress.

After I graduate, when my baby is almost one, I am hoping to be going to college

in Kansas at Haskell University. I don’t know for sure, but I have an idea I would like to learn how to work on computers or be a physical therapist. I would like to help people who have trouble walking or need help.

I want my baby to know his parents graduated high school and didn’t drop out, that we did what we had to do to graduate. Hopefully he will be more motivated and graduate high school.

I am kind of nervous moving to Kansas because I will be away from my family, and there have been so many who have helped me and my baby that I will miss.

If I had not come to the Academy I honestly don’t think I would have graduated. It was a huge challenge in regular classroom because the expectations are so high and I needed to work at my own pace and I think I would have dropped out and not graduated.



Evana Wilson, 18 years old, Graduate of El Reno High School

I am going to go to college, but I really don’t know what I am going to do. It’s scary and I don’t want to grow up anymore than what I am.

I am going to go to Redlands for the next two years, graduate from there and then go to UCO and finish out there for my bachelor’s degree. I don’t know in what

field yet, I think I am going to just feel it out for the first two years at Redlands and then decide. I like helping people, so maybe something in that field. I always knew I would graduate high school. I came to school everyday, I kept up all my grades and yeah, I don’t drink or do drugs and I will be graduating in a couple of weeks.



Elijah Ellis, 17 year old, Graduate of El Reno High School

Elijah is beginning a career in the U.S. Army this summer after graduating from El Reno High School. His vision is clear and his goals are clearly defined.

My whole entire life I have wanted to go into the military if I didn’t go straight into college.

So I made the decision to go straight into the military and I joined the Army this past March. I leave July 20 and the job I will be doing is Intelligence Collector. Basically interrogating people and collecting information it’s a really cool job and there is a lot of stuff to it. I am really happy about it and I feel this is what’s right for me. To get some work experience and to get my college paid for instead of trying to scrounge up all these little grants and scholarships to different schools.

Ever since I have been in the 8th grade I have thought

about the decision to join the military and it was a long and tough decision, about which branch I wanted to join. My first thought was Navy, but then the Army came along and all the possibilities that would be open to me through the Army.

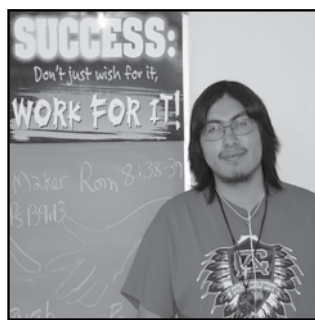
Elijah can see himself as a career military person and has looked at all the jobs available to him that he could do, such as engineering. Every time I go to the training events I love it, I love taking my orders and I am as happy as I can be when I am there. It is my passion.

I will have a couple moments of freedom and then I will go into the Army in July, one day before my 18th birthday, so I won’t even be here for my 18th birthday.

There is no fear in leaving the area and this has been my dream for a long time. Sometimes I have in the back of my mind a little fear of maybe I should hold back, but then when I think it through I just feel really happy about the decision to join the Army and I know it’s what’s right for me. My gut feeling tells me it is.

Sitting there freshman year I saw myself passing everything I took, I mean I didn’t realize back then what I was doing, but now that I am here, I know I did everything I had to do to pass and get to this point. Drugs and alcohol aren’t an issue with me, I just say no. When I have been offered or asked I am like, uh, no I have a good future ahead of me of going into the military and if I do drink I will take a drink at an appropriate age and at the appropriate time.

Derek Foster, 19 years old, Graduate of El Reno Academy



Derek pushed on through determination to achieve the first stepping stone in his educational journey.

Alternative school is when students can learn at a pace that they are comfortable with. In a regular classroom you have to go with the curriculum they give you and you may be too fast for it or too slow for it, but here at the Academy you work at your own pace and feel comfortable with.

I started alternative school in Weatherford in my freshman year. My attendance was really low and I was having a hard time catching up with my grades, so I was sent to alternative school and I was able to learn at a pace that was comfortable for me.

I went to Albuquerque for this leadership summit they were having in New Mexico and learned about some of the goals I could reach just by focusing. I also have done some tutoring at Robyler Middle School because I like helping out the younger kids. I like staying around Concho and the Cheyenne and Arapaho people. I find after high school exciting and scary. After school I will be on my own, and you would think being a teenager you would like being on your own, but to me it’s kind of scary. Usually I have people around me to help me, but I want to go to college in Colorado and so I won’t have those people around me, so that’s a little

scary.

I am trying to get everything I need to do by the end of school for college so I can relax during the summer. I can start with the application process, taking my SATs.

When I went to alternative school I didn’t really think I would make it to graduation, but then after awhile I became head of my class, which really kind of shocked me because I never really learned that quickly.

When I tutor other kids, I try to keep the focus on what their doing, because they have a lot going on in their heads, you know. Sometimes I will work one problem for them, showing them what I am doing and then helping them with the rest of the problems. Just guiding them, you know.

I have though a lot about what I want to do after high school and one area I thought about was computers, because there will be a lot of jobs in that field. I am really good at writing and others have told me I could be a journalists, but they really don’t make that much money. I have also thought about engineering, but that will be a big challenge. What I like to do is help people, even if they say they don’t need it. After high school I want to help the youth to be more stable so they don’t turn to drugs or alcohol and I really think its important for the youth to learn our language. I didn’t grow up speaking my language, Cheyenne, but I am learning now and I think that’s really important.

Fast forwarding I see myself graduating college and going forward to obtain a master degree, I want to contribute to this world, and to the technology.

Student loses on bid to wear eagle feather in cap during graduation ceremony

A Tulsa federal judge has rejected a high school senior’s request to wear an eagle feather during her high school graduation this evening.

Chief U.S. District Judge Gregory Frizzell accepted a magistrate’s recommendation to deny Hayden Griffith’s request for a preliminary injunction that would allow her to wear a sacred eagle feather during her Caney Valley High School graduation on Thursday.

Frizzell, in his written ruling, said since Griffith failed to demonstrate a violation of the Oklahoma Religious Freedom Act or her rights to free speech or the free exercise of religion, she subsequently failed to “carry her burden of showing she will suffer irreparable harm if an injunction is not issued, or that the threatened injury would outweigh the harm an injunction may cause.”

Griffith, 18, sued the school district Friday, claiming the school district’s dress code, which prohibited the decoration of caps, violated her First Amendment rights and rights granted under the Oklahoma Religious Freedom Act.

Griffith, a member of the Delaware Tribe, said the feather was given to her by a tribal elder. She wanted to attach the feather to her tas-

sel in recognition of her academic achievements.

Griffith has a sincere religious belief that it would be disrespectful to attend graduation without a feather that was given to her specifically for the ceremony, her attorneys argued during a hearing Tuesday in federal court.

Griffith, in her lawsuit, claimed that the school permits certain forms of academic recognition — such as National Honor Society stoles — during the graduation ceremony.

However, Frizzell deemed the school district’s ban on cap decorations to be a “neutral policy of general applicability.”

“Furthermore, the school has a legitimate interest in maintaining the formality of the graduation ceremony,” the judge wrote.

School district personnel, Frizzell wrote, have offered to repose after the ceremony for the professional photographer with Griffith wearing her feather on her cap.

“In sum, Griffith may display the feather as she wishes throughout her cel-



ebration of her graduation, other than during the graduation ceremony with her fellow classmates,” Frizzell wrote.

Griffith is the second American Indian student to go to court in hopes of wearing an eagle feather during high school graduation ceremonies this spring. An unnamed Southmoore High School senior sued the Moore School District over the enforcement of its dress code during graduation ceremonies.

Susan Alexander, the Southmoore student’s mother, dropped her lawsuit Wednesday, citing only “intervening events.”

Men’s Health Day

June is men’s health month.

Usually the men in our families put their health last. The Health Education Program is working with several other tribal programs, Clinton Service Unit, Integris, and area county health departments to plan a men’s health conference on Thursday, June 18, 2015. The name of the event is called, “Hooked on Health, Men’s Health Day.”

It will be held at Concho powwow grounds; in case of bad weather, this event

will be moved to the Concho Community Center.

Men tend to think going to the doctor is a waste of time or that they don’t have the time to go to see the doctor. Often it is too late when a man becomes aware of the state of his own health. According to the Center for Disease Control website, cardiovascular disease is the leading threat to men’s health; additionally, lung cancer is the leading cause of death from cancer in men while prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men.

This event will be geared towards men and the specific health issues that men suffer from. There will be a health screening, a learning CPR session, and intro to mental health first aid. The health screening will include a lung screening and cholesterol check. By setting aside this event specifically for men, we hope men will attend and feel comfortable to learn about their health.

For more information, please call the Health Education Program at (405) 422-7674.

Tribal equal access to voting act of 2015

(WASHINGTON DC) Today the U.S. Department of Justice proposed legislation to Congress designed to guarantee equal voting rights for Native Americans. Many Indian reservations and Alaska Native Villages are located great distances from polling locations, which contributes to low voter participation rates among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

DOJ Assistant Attorney General Peter Kadzik stated in a letter transmitting the proposed bill, “The Department of Justice is committed to ensuring equal access to voting for Native American voters. We believe that the enclosed proposal would address serious voting obstacles faced by citizens who are members of Indian Tribes...”

The following are a few examples of the tremendous distances that Native voters encounter when attempting to vote:

Duck Valley Reservation, 104 miles from the nearest polling place in Elko, Nevada (a 2 hour, 7 minute drive).

Goshute Reservation, 163 miles from the nearest polling place in Erda, Utah (a 2 hour, 47 minute drive).

Hopi Tribe, 90 miles from the nearest polling place in Joseph City, Arizona (a 1 hour, 43 minute drive).

Navajo Nation (New Mexico), Newcomb is 34 miles from Tohatchi polling place and

58 miles from the nearest Early Voting location in Gallup.

Navajo Nation (Arizona), the nearest polling place is in Kayenta, which is 44 miles (50 minutes) from Shonto.

The legislation would require states whose territory contains an Indian reservation or Alaska Native Village to provide a minimum of one polling place for each Indian Tribe in a location of its own choosing. States also must make voting materials available and provide the same hours of operation and payment to poll workers at those locations as it does with all of its other locations. The obligation to provide polling places is contingent on an Indian Tribe filing a timely formal request.

“The right to vote is the bedrock of our democracy and must be ensured for Native people living on Indian reservations or in Alaska Native Villages,” said Brian Cladosby, President of the National Congress of American Indians. “We are very supportive of this legislation because it comes directly from discussions with tribal leadership.”

For further information, please contact NCAI Deputy Director Robert Holden or General Counsel John Dossett at (202) 466-7767 or rholden@ncai.org or jdossett@ncai.org.

28th annual Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City’s historic Skirvin Hilton Hotel June 3-4

The Sovereignty Symposium was established to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues can be exchanged in a scholarly, non-adversarial environment. The Supreme Court espouses no view on any of the issues, and the position taken by the participants are not endorsed by the Supreme Court of Oklahoma.

Keynote speakers include the Right Honorable Emma Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne and the Royal County of Berkshire.

Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne was ennobled and took her seat as a member of the House of Lords in the United Kingdom Parliament in 1997, having also served as a Member of the House of Commons and, subsequently, in the European Parliament.

She is a member of the United Kingdom Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the European Security and Defence Assembly. She chairs the All-Party Parliamentary Groups for Foreign Affairs; and for Economic Development in Iraq & the Region. She is Vice-Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Groups on Human Trafficking; for EU Enlargement; and for Georgia; and remains an active participant in a large number of these Groups.



Right Honorable Emma Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne and the Royal County of Berkshire.

She is a member of the American Bar Association Middle East North Africa Council and the Foundation for Dialogue between Civilisations. She is Honorary Advisor to the Prime Minister of Iraq (Nouri Al-Maliki) and as High Representative of the President of the Republic of Moldova.

Suzan Shown Harjo (Cheyenne & Hodulgee Muscogee) is a poet, writer, lecturer, curator and policy advocate, who has helped Native Peoples protect sacred places and recover more than one million acres of land. She has developed key laws to promote and protect Native nations, sovereignty, children, arts, cultures, languages, religious freedom and repatriation.

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Network, she is guest curator and editor for the National Museum of the American Indian’s 2014-2018 exhibit and book, *Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations*.

President Obama presented her with a 2014 Presidential Medal of Freedom in a White House ceremony honoring 18 recipients. The medal is the United States’ highest civilian honor. She was honored with the 2015 Native Leadership Award by the National Congress of American Indians, which she served as executive director during the 1980s. She also served as legislative liaison, Native American Rights Fund and Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver law firm, and as Special Assistant--Indian Legislation & Liaison, Carter Administration, and



Kevin K. Washburn, member of the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Principal Author, 1979 President’s Report to Congress on American Indian Religious Freedom.

Kevin K. Washburn, a member of the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, is the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior, a position that he has held since Oct. 9, 2012, following unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Washburn was the dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law, where he served from 2009 to 2012.

Washburn entered academia in 2002, earning tenure at the University of Minnesota in 2006. He served as the Oneida Indian Nation Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School in 2007-08, and



Assistant Attorney General Karol Mason nominated to Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs by President Barack Obama on Feb. 13, 2013

as the Rosenstiel Distinguished Professor at the University of Arizona in 2008-09.

Washburn is the author or co-author of several books, including a textbook on gaming/gambling law, and the leading treatise in the field of Indian law, *Cohen’s Handbook of Federal Indian Law* (2012).

Beginning his career, Washburn clerked for the Hon. William C. Canby, Jr., of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Phoenix in 1993-94. He joined the Attorney General’s Honors Program at the U.S. Department of Justice, as a trial attorney in the Indian Resource Section from 1994 to 1997, and as an Assistant United States Attorney in Albuquerque, N.M., from 1997 to 2000. He also was the Gen-

eral Counsel for the National Indian Gaming Commission from 2000 to 2002.

Raised in Oklahoma, he earned a B.A. in Economics with Honors from the University of Oklahoma (1989), and a J.D. from Yale Law School (1993), where he was editor-in-chief of the *Yale Journal on Regulation*. He was elected to the American Law Institute in 2007, and is a member of the State Bars of Minnesota and New Mexico.

Assistant Attorney General Karol Mason was nominated to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs by President Barack Obama on Feb. 13, 2013. Her appointment was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on April 25, 2013.

As head of the Office of Justice Programs, she oversees an annual budget of more than \$2 billion dedicated to supporting state, local, and tribal criminal justice agencies; an array of juvenile justice programs; a wide range of research, evaluation, and statistical efforts; and comprehensive services for crime victims.

All of the information about this year’s Sovereignty Symposium can be found www.thesovereigntysymposium.com. Participants of the Sovereignty Symposium can register online by following the simple instructions on the registration page.

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Tribes represent at American Indian Justice Conference and SORNA Regional Training

(CATOOSA, OK) Representatives from the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes’ Judicial Branch and Department of Justice attend the American Indian Justice Conference and SORNA Regional Training in Catoosa, Okla. The tribes had seven employees total representing the Trial Court, Probation Office, SORNA Program, Attorney General’s Office, and the Healing and Wellness Court.

The conference provided further networking opportunities for each program, as well as educational workshops to attend. Some of the workshops provided by the training were, Career Services Program for Reentry, Cherokee Nation’s Wrap Around Services, Col-

laborative Efforts to Reduce Recidivism, The Basics of SORNA, Sex Offender Absconder Investigations and Working with the U.S. Marshal’s Office, Court Collaboration Across Jurisdictional Lines, Supervising Probationers who Suffer with Mental Illness and Co-Occurring Disorders, Healing to Wellness for Probation, and Registration Safety and Considerations and Strategies.

Our Probation Officer and SORNA Coordinator, Mr. Paul Fuentes, had the pleasure of being a consultant for the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College for both of the conferences. He presented along with, Ms. Karin Ashby of the Tohono O’odham Nation

Police Department and Tohono O’odham SORNA Registry. Their focus was on SORNA Registration Safety Considerations and Strategies. SORNA Technical Assistant, Theresa Faris, was able to assist during the presentation and asked to be a future consultant by Mr. Jim Warren of the White Earth Ojibwe Nation of Minnesota.

The SORNA Program was also invited to be a part of a unique nationwide pilot study. We are one of four tribes asked in the entire nation to join the study to improve reentry and treatment for tribal sex offenders. There are currently no programs in the nation that exist for treatment of tribal sex offenders. The other



tribes requested to join this study include, the Oglala Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, and the Pueblo of Isleta of New Mexico. We were honored to be considered for this study with fellow tribes, as well as, the Department of Justice and the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act Notice to Register

Who must register with tribes under SORNA?

Any person who resides, is employed, or is a student, within the jurisdiction of the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes or otherwise on property owned or regulated by the tribes, who has been convicted of a sex offense, is required to register as a sex offender with the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes’ SORNA Program.

Any individual that falls within the categories listed above is required by law to register with the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes, in addition, to your registration with the state. Even if you are an individual who is a registered sex offender, and from another state or tribal territory, you are also required to register with the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes if residing on trib-

al land, or employed by the tribes.

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to the Adam Walsh Act and the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, you are immediately required by both Federal and Tribal Law to register as a sex offender with the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes Sex Offender Registry.

Please contact the SORNA Technical Assistant, Theresa Faris at (405) 422-7421 immediately (within three business days) to schedule an appointment to register. Please bring copies of all documents that pertain to your case, in which you were convicted, along with all forms of identification.

For more information contact Faris at (405) 422-7119.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Language Department

Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills (BICS) and Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency (CALPS)



Language acquisition is difficult to measure, meaning how do I know if students are truly learning? Historically, language teachers have adapted their instruction to replicate the classroom. For example, here are a list of words, how to spell them, and how to say them. The language teacher will test students based on their language acquisition.

As Executive director of Education, I believe we must approach language acquisition from a different angle. As a pre-service teacher, I was taught how to provide an effective language acquisition model that will provide results.

Come join us speak the language



Cheyenne & Arapaho Language Program

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Language Program is doing a lot of exciting things. We would like to let our tribal members know what we have to offer and what's going on.

The Language Program was awarded an Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant in September of 2013, named the Living Language Project. The main objectives included in this grant are to bring the community together to learn their languages and to certify individuals under the World Languages to teach Cheyenne or Arapaho in high school.

The State Department of Education has given tribes the opportunity to train their own teachers to teach the language in high schools. This gives students the opportunity to take Cheyenne or Arapaho language classes instead of the typical Spanish and French language, which will give them credit for graduation.

The Living Language Project will give the Language Program the opportunity to train those who are interested in teaching the Cheyenne or Arapaho language in high school. Our teacher trainings will begin in August and will end in April. We are looking for dedicated individuals to sign up for the teacher trainings.

We provide language classes in nine communities. Every Monday we provide Arapaho classes in Canton at the Native American Gym at 4 p.m. In Kingfisher we provide Cheyenne classes at the God's Covenant Church at 5:30 p.m. every other Monday. In Clinton we provide Cheyenne classes every Tuesdays at the Clinton Community Hall at 5:30 p.m. meal provided. Also, on Tuesdays we provide Arapaho classes in Geary at the Geary Community Hall at 6:30 p.m. On Wednesdays we provide once a month classes in Hammon, Seil-

ing, Thomas, and Watonga they all begin at 4 p.m. at the Community Halls with Thomas being held at the TYP building. On Thursdays, we provide Cheyenne and Arapaho classes in Concho at 5:30 p.m. at the Education building.

As an incentive of attending at least three classes, we take our participants on an incentive trip. We have taken them to the movies, Frontier City, Alabaster Caverns, OKC Zoo, and the Science Museum. We have an upcoming incentive trip to watch the OKC Dodgers play. With the generosity of the ANA grant we are able to take our language participants on these incentive trips.

Last summer, we were fortunate to have Dr. Stephen Greymorning come to Oklahoma. He taught the language staff and community his method of Accelerated Second Language Acquisition. It was an intense four day training of speaking only Arapaho.

We also had Wayne Leman, a linguist who has studied the Cheyenne language for over 30 years come to Oklahoma to spend a couple of days with the Language Program. He taught the language staff useful teaching methods.

In January, we held a forum. We brought together over a 100 tribal members and language speakers. We

Jim Cummins introduced BICS/CALPS to encourage an understanding to learning a new language. Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills is a strategy kids learn in order to survive on the playground, in school, or with friends. The BICS strategy allows students to learn how ask to go to the bathroom, or request another portion of food. Young kids all ready perform BICS. BICS encourages acquiring basic skills in order to survive. Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency (CALPS) is a strategy to learning formal communication such as reading and writing once basic language has been acquired.

It is my aim to assist our Cheyenne and Arapaho language department to introduce Cheyenne and Arapaho via the BICS/CALPS strategies. It is critical we teach basic skills (BICS) before we introduce reading and writing (CALPS). Please encourage BICS at home before you begin to ask your children to read and write Cheyenne and/or Arapaho.

*Cheyenne & Arapaho Department of Education
Executive Director, Funston Whiteman*



Science Museum Incentive Trip



Language Forum

Frontier City Incentive Trip



James Sleeper, Arapaho Researcher



Chris RomanNose presents language specialist, Wayne Leman with a Pendleton blanket.



Oklahoma City Zoo incentive trip



Carol Whiteskunk, Language Program outreach worker during one of the many language classes held each month.

CONCHO HEAD START

CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO HEAD START PROGRAM

JUNE 9TH THROUGH THE 24TH 2015

IMMERSION COURSE

THE LANGUAGE PROGRAM WILL BE ACCEPTING 20 CHILDREN, AGES 3 TO 5

PARENT ORIENTATION WILL BE
JUNE 2ND & 4TH FROM 1:00 - 3:00 & 5:00 - 7:00

APPLICATIONS WILL BE DUE
MAY 29, 2015

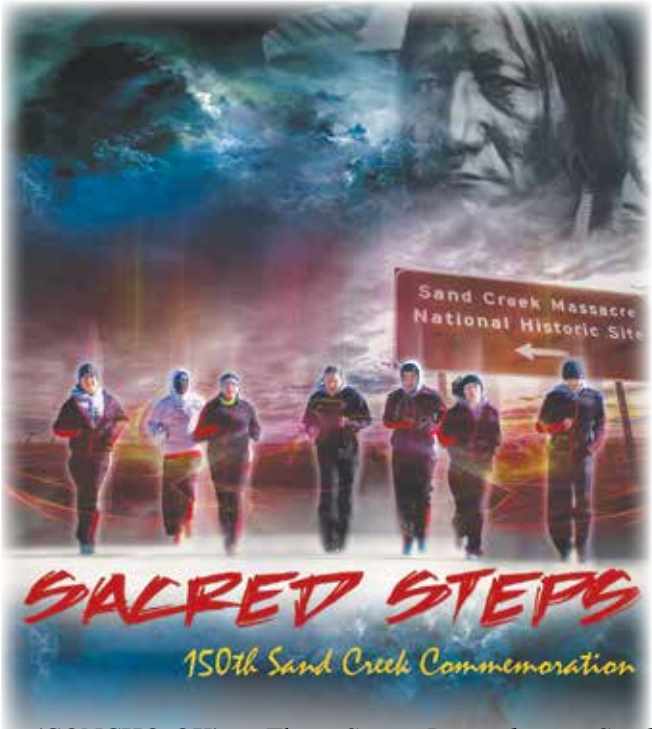
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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK WWW.CALANGUAGE.COM



Language Program Administrative Assistant, Sharon Hale and Language Director, Rebecca Risenhoover at the first language conference in Denver, Colo.

150th Sand Creek Com- memoration: *Sacred Steps* airing June 4 in Oklahoma City



(CONCHO-OK) The 150th Sand Creek Com-
memoration: *Sacred Steps*
will be aired at 6:30 p.m.,
Thursday, June 4, 2015
t the Harkins Theatre in
Bricktown.

This is a private show-
ing hosted by CATV and
the Cheyenne & Arapaho
tribes. There will be seat-
ing for 266 viewers. A
hundred of the seats will
be reserved for elders. For
information or admission
please contact Caressa
James at (405) 422-7427.

Last November Chey-
enne and Arapaho Tele-
vision joined over one
hundred Oklahoma Tribal
members in Colorado to
observe nearly a week of
events honoring the 150th
anniversary of the Sand
Creek Massacre.*Sacred*

*Steps: Remembering Sand
Creek* is a behind-the-
scenes look at that week.
Through interviews with
Tribal elders, runners, and
observers, audiences will
gain an understanding of
the emotions Sand Creek
evokes. From the opening
ceremonies, each day of
the 15th annual Healing
Run, the candle light vig-
il, and the last day’s walk
through downtown Den-
ver, *Sacred Steps* brings
these experiences to life.

“It’s our sincere hope
that *Sacred Steps: Remem-
bering Sand Creek* will en-
courage audiences to find
out more about the Sand
Creek Massacre and its
lasting effects on the Chey-
enne and Arapaho people.”
- CATV 47 Staff

ATTENTION Cheyenne & Arapaho Ceremony Assistance

The Culture and Heritage
Program will now accept ap-
plications for the upcoming
Cheyenne & Arapaho Cere-
monies.

We will be assisting
ONLY tribal members who
will be participating in the
ceremonies.

Applications can be
faxed, emailed, mailed, or
carried in at any hall.

**Deadline for applications
is 5 p.m. at the close of busi-
ness on June 10, 2015.
(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

The amount of assistance
will be determined at a later
date.



**Northern Arapaho Cere-
mony**
Rabbit Lodge,
June 22-25
Sundance, June 25-28

**Southern Arapaho Cere-
mony**
Rabbit Lodge,
June 8-11
Sundance, June 11-14

Dates of ceremonies for
2015 are as follows:

**Southern Cheyenne Cer-
emonies**

Societies move Arrow
Keeper to the Grounds June
20.

Blue Sky, June 24.
Arrow Worship,
June 26-28
Society Days,
June 29-July 1
Sundance Ceremonies,
July 2-5

If you have had any pre-
vious help from Culture &
Heritage Program, receipts
must be turned in to deter-
mine eligibility. If you have
no receipts turned in by
deadline this will affect your
eligibility.

Thank you
Max Bear
Culture & Heritage
Program Director

**R.E.S.P.E.C.T. PROGRAM
SUMMERFEST 2015**

T-shirt Design Contest!

Contest begins today! The last day to submit artwork is June 8th. Winner will be announced June 18th!

How to submit your artwork:
In person to the Respect Office in Concho, located in the Department of Education, Room 114
Email: jlongknife@c-a-tribes.org
P.O. Box 143 Concho, Ok 73022 Attn: Summerfest

Show us your creative talent & submit an original design

The creator of the winning design will receive their artwork printed on the Respect Program 2015 Summerfest shirts and public recognition in the Tribal newspaper and Respect Program website as well as a monetary prize of \$250.00!

The original artwork will be showcased on T-shirts given out at over a dozen events during the Annual Summerfest in Concho, Oklahoma on July 31-August 2, 2015.

Your design should include the words:
"R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program"
"Summerfest 2015"
4 color limit
The contest is open to ages 16 & up.
Entry Form must be included.

"Summerfest" is a Respect sponsored event held in conjunction with Oklahoma Indian Nations Pow Wow.
Activities include: Youth & Adult Basketball, Slow Pitch Softball, Fast Pitch Softball, Buffalo Run & Walk, Volleyball, Golf, Frybread Contest, Hoopshoes, Youth Track Meet, Ying Yot Contest, Water Slides & Youth Games and Newly Added Health Fair.

For more information, please call 405.422.7570 or 405.422.7585

sacred steps

150th SAND CREEK COMMEMORATION

Last November Cheyenne and Arapaho Television joined over one hundred Oklahoma Tribal members in Colorado to observe nearly a week of events honoring the 150th anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre. "Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek" is a behind-the-scenes look at that week.

Through interviews with Tribal elders, runners, and observers, audiences will gain an understanding of the emotions Sand Creek evokes. From the opening ceremonies, each day of the 15th Annual Healing Run, the candle light vigil, and the last day's walk through downtown Denver, "Sacred Steps" brings these experiences to life.

It's our sincere hope that "Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek" will encourage audiences to find out more about the Sand Creek Massacre and its lasting effects on the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 - 6:30

HARKINS BRICKTON 16

150 E RENO AVE, OKLAHOMA CITY

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: CARESSA JAMES
CJAMES@C-A-TRIBES.ORG | 405.422.7427

150TH SAND CREEK COMMEMORATION HEALING RUN DOCUMENTARY

Tickets provided for C&A Elders only!

Title: Sacred Steps: 150th Sand Creek
Commemoration

Where: Harkins Bricktown 16
150 E. Reno Ave. Oklahoma City

When: Thursday June 4th, 2015 @ 6:30 pm

Dinner will be provided

Tickets provided are limited

Please call R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program to
reserve ticket & transportation.

(405) 422-7570

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE
PROVIDED

TRIBAL Tidbits

Click It or Ticket



The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes Transportation Safety Program held its second annual Safety Checkpoint for the ‘Click It or Ticket’ campaign. The campaign began May 18 thru May 31.

A special thank you to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Law Enforcement and the Cheyenne-Arapaho Security Department for their assistance with this campaign. The Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes’ Transportation Safety Program’s mission is, “To provide safe modes of transportation infrastructures and improve the tribes’ transportation system to advance the safety and mobility of Tribal members across the service area.”

Veteran's Salute



The Cheyenne Arapaho Honor/ Color Guard would like to thank all the Headsmen, Chiefs, Veterans, singersk War Mothers, and families who came out to participate and be in reverence as we Honor our Warriors this Memorial Day. A special thank you for those we missed, as we were behind schedule and were advised that Kingfisher was flooded.

Brian Fielder - Honorable Mention as he led the convoy Memorial Day and was in



charge of the detachment for Redmoon Powwow Honored Flags.

Thank you to Lee Nells and all those who made themselves available to pray throughout the day, especially those prayers being said near and far.

To the singers Isaac Rhodes and Veteran Jim Anquoe who made themselves available, we are thankful for your Memorial songs, War mother songs and AIM song.



SPORTS

Fitness Camp

Sponsored by R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program

June 22-25, 2015 RomanNose State Park Watonga Grades 5th-8th Accepting FIRST 50 Boys & FIRST 50 Girls

APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 12

Check In-Monday, June 22 - 12 p.m. Check Out-Thursday, June 25 - 12 p.m.

Items to Bring: Bedding-Toiletries-Clothing Swimsuits-Athletic Shoes-Sunblock NO ELECTRONICS

Applications Available at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Offices-Clinton & Concho

FOR INFORMATION CALL 800.247.4612 EXT. 27570 OR 27585

Easy Cheese Drop Biscuits

Cooking with USDA Foods

2 cups flour
2 cups butter, melted
1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream
1 cup (4 oz.) shredded cheese (may use shredded cheddar cheese)

lightly greased baking sheets.
Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for five minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. Serve warm.

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R.E.SP.E.C.T. GOLF ACADEMY

WHERE: Crimson Creek Golf Course & Surrey Hills Golf Course

WHEN: Classes will begin 6 p.m. May 20 at Crimson Creek in El Reno, Okla.

All Tribal members from ages 6 to 18 are invited to come learn about the fundamentals of golf. Classes will run through the summer/fall with some courses also being taught at Surrey Hills.

Sign Up/ Questions Call 405.422.7570

Oklahoma Indian Nations Princess Coronation Dance

Saturday, May 23, 2015

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

Who is included?

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

Proposed use of the Funds

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

First, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.
- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

Second, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

Third, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

Fourth, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

How can I share my views?

If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2015**, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on **June 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM EDT** in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

**For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see
www.IndianFarmClass.com**

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DIABETES

Hiking and Camping

Hiking or camping on your agenda? Mapping out your outdoor nutrition needs is important. There’s plenty to consider besides simply grabbing an energy bar or a bottle of water. Follow these tips to ensure you have a nourishing and safe food experience on your next outdoor adventure.

Have a plan. Your food and water needs are generally higher than usual on activity-based excursions. Pay extra special attention to packing plenty of fluids for hot weather adventures. Some other key considerations before your hiking or camping trip include:

Length of the trip.

What foods and beverages you’ll carry.

How you’ll eat and drink.

If bringing a cooler is an option.

What food-related tools you will need.

Pack easy-to-carry foods for a hike or a day trip. You can actually pack perishable foods, such as sandwiches. Just be sure you have a cold source, like an ice pack, to keep these foods properly chilled. The more you stash in a backpack, the harder it is to hike, so opt mainly for non-perishable foods that are relatively lightweight and nutrient dense, such as trail mix, nuts, seeds, nut-based bars or nut butter packs, dried or freeze-dried fruits and veggies, energy bars, chews or gels, granola or granola bars, ready-made tuna salad pouches, whole-grain tortillas, natural or organic poultry, salmon or meat jerky. Bottled water or sports drinks ... it’s essential to stay hydrated

Pre-hydrate by drinking at least four cups of water before your hike so you’ll have less to carry. Then a good rule-of-thumb is to plan for about two cups of fluid for every hour of hiking

Pack easy-to-prepare foods for camping or a multi-day trip. It’s a little more challenging to pack food for days at a time. The first day you’ll be able to eat perishable foods. But after that, map out your meals so you’ll have what you enjoy and need.

Always follow good food safety practices, from packing to plating. Remember that perishable food cannot be kept out in hot weather (90°F or higher) for more than one hour; in mild weather for more than two hours. And always practice these four food safety tips, wash hands often. This includes before and after eating. Moist towelettes work fine. Keep raw meats and ready-to-eat foods separate. Use extra plates that you’ve packed, one for raw and one for prepared foods.

Cook to proper temperatures. Use a food thermometer to be sure cooked food has reached a safe internal temperature.

Refrigerate promptly below 40°F. Of course, if you don’t have a fridge, pack perishable food, including meat or poultry, with plenty of ice or icepacks in a well-insulated cooler to keep the temperature below 40°F. Store leftovers in the cooler only if it still has ice. And keep the cooler in as cool a place as possible.

To store, serve or dispose of food properly and safely, bring these essentials, disposable wipes/moist towelettes or biodegradable soap, bowls, plates and extra plates, kettle or cooking pot, eating and cooking utensils, ice packs, compostable trash bags, portable water filters or water purification tablets, thermometers for cooler and cooked meat, if applicable.

Events & Powwows

CALENDAR

Cheyenne & Arapaho Indian Baptist Church Camp Meeting 2015

June 3-6, 2015 at 916 W. 7th in Elk City, Okla. Service 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Meals: Breakfast @ 9 a.m., supper at 5 p.m. Sponsored by Delfred Sr., and Eleanor WhiteCrow, (580) 303-1540. For more information contact Pastor Delfred (Bunny) WhiteCrow at (580) 225-0708.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow Committee 2015 Princess Coronation Dance

June 6, 2015 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance at 4 p.m., followed by supper at 6 p.m. Inviting everyone to attend the coronation of the 2015 Labor Day princesses. Lots of raffles and cake walk.

Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention Initiative Program’s first 5K Fun Run/Walk

June 6, 2015 at the George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center, 10320 N. Airport Road in Clinton, Okla. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., run/walk starts at 8 a.m. Prizes for the fastest runners. No registration fee. Free t-shirt and runners packet. For more information call Kateri Fletcher at (580) 614-1402.

Graduation/Birthday Dance for Kayla M. Reynolds

Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dancing at 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m.

Kayla is the youngest daughter of Sheldon and Jackie Reynolds. She is the granddaughter of the late Efford and Gail Tsosie, the late Roger and Janice Reynolds. She has attended Clinton schools and is an outstanding basketball player, with a 3.5 GPA. She plans on attending college on a scholarship.

Everyone invited to come out and enjoy an evening of good singing and dancing.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. All Indian High School Invitational Tournament

June 12-14, 2015. Games June 12-13 will take place at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Wellness Center. Championship game, June 14 will take place at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, both in Weatherford, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.carespect.or/respect-hoopz.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T.’s Sports & Fitness Camp

June 22-25, 2015 at the RomanNose State Park in Watonga, Okla. Grades 5-8. Applications due by June 12. Taking the first 50 girls and the first 50 boys. Items to bring: bedding, toiletries, clothing, swimsuits, athletic shoes, sunblock. NO ELECTRONICS. For more information call toll free (800) 247-4612, ext. 27570 or 27585.

Jodi Marquette American Indian Wills Clinic

9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Friday, June 23 and Friday, June 30, 2015 at the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes’ Native American Church building in Concho, Okla. Please call (405) 208-5017 to make an appointment. Wills and other estate planning documents will be drafted by appointment only.

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic’s Walk for Wellness

Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the Remington Park Racing Casino in Oklahoma City. Preregister by June 5 to guarantee your free t-shirt. Heath fair starts at 8 a.m., walk starts at 9 a.m. For more information or to register call (405) 948-4900, ext. 618 or visit www.okcic.com.

Ernest Big Medicine Memorial

Aug. 15, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. followed by Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Invited Northern Drum, Riverside Drum, Arapaho, WY. Men’s Northern Traditional contest, 1st place, \$1000, 2nd place \$800 and 3rd place \$400.

Men’s Grass Dance contest, 1st place, \$500, 2nd place \$300, and 3rd place \$200. For more information contact Merle Lopez (405) 262-0002.

In Loving & Fond Memories



Ruby S. Bushyhead
Sept. 14, 1926
May 18, 2015

A Wake service was held May 21, 2015 at the Huber-Benson Funeral Home in El Reno, Okla.

Funeral Services were held May 22 at the Wesley United Methodist Church, followed by an Interment at the Geary Cemetery.



Burgess Fred Primeaux
March 12, 1972
May 15, 2015

An all night Wake service was held May 18, 2015 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Building in Watonga, Okla.

Funeral services were held May 19 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Building, followed by an Interment at Watonga Loof Cemetery.



Emma Anna Red Hat
June 20, 1928
May 6, 2015

An all night Wake service was held May 10, 2015 at the Canton Gym in Canton, Okla.

Funeral services were held May 11 at the Longdale Gym, followed by an Interment at the Canton Chiefs Cemetery.

Matthew Charles White

05/05/1971 05/12/2015

Sunrise Sunset

Wake Service

Friday, May 22, 2015

Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Christ Community Church

710 6th St.

Crawford, NE

Funeral Service

Saturday, May 23, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Christ Community Church

Crawford, NE



ment will follow in the Canton Indian Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of Haigler-Pierce Funeral Home, Canton. Condolences may be made online at www.haiglerpierce.com.

Frank Nelson Campbell was born on July 24, 1964 at Clinton, OK to Charles and Edna (Buffalo Meat) Campbell. He departed this life on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at Canton, OK.

Frank graduated from Canton High School and the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, KS. Frank enjoyed baseball and football, and going fishing in the river.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife Lorraine Campbell; grandparents, Eagle Bird Campbell, Myra White Buffalo, Mary Fletcher, Raymond Buffalo Meat and Paul White Bear; father Charles Campbell; step-father George Sutton; two sisters, Janet Sue

Campbell and LeAnn Campbell; brother Vincent Paul Campbell;

Survivors include his mother Edna Sutton of Canton, OK; daughter Allison Campbell of Denver, CO; son Cody Campbell of Denver, CO; four grandchildren, Mario Martinez, Jr., Noah Martinez, Azalia Martinez and Nathaniel Campbell; brothers Charles Campbell, Jr. of Canton, OK, Chauncy Sutton of Longdale, OK, Burl Buffalo Meat of Seiling, OK and Jesse Darr of Canton, OK; sisters Rowena Beaver of Seiling, OK, Dana Buffalo Meat of Seiling, OK, Holly Long Warrior of Canton, OK, Debra All Runner of Geary, OK and Karen Fletcher

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June 2015

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NUTRITION EDUCATION DEMO RECIPE:

Easy Cheese Drop Biscuits Recipe

Ingredients:

• 2 cups flour

• 1 cup butter, melted

• 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream

• 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheese (may use shredded cheddar)

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients until blended. Drop by rounded tablespoons 2 in. apart onto lightly greased baking sheets.

2. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. Serve warm.

Yield: 2 dozen

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June 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2, 1:00-7:00pm Parent Orientation (1:30pm-3:30pm, 5-7pm) 6:00-7:30pm Clinton Class (Community Hall) 6:00-8:30pm Geary Class (Community Hall)	3, 1:00-7:30pm Parent Orientation (1:30pm-3:30pm, 5-7pm) 4:00-6:00pm Seiling Class (Community Hall) 5:30-7:30pm Watonga Class (Multi-purpose)	4, Language Immersion Trip (Language Immersion Parent Orientation)	5, Red Earth Parade	6
7	8, 4:00pm-6:00pm Clinton Class (Native American Gym) 6:00-7:30pm Kingfisher Class (Golf's covenant)	9, Language Head Start Immersion Starts 6:00-7:30pm Clinton Class (Independent Living Center)	10	11, 5:30-7:30pm Canby Class (NAC Building)	12	13
14	15	16, 6:30-8:30pm Geary Class (Community Hall)	17	18	19, Father's Day Luncheon	20
21	22	23	24, Language Head Start Immersion Ends	25	26	27
28	29	30				30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

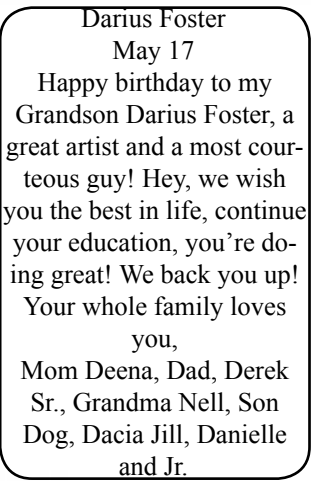


Happy 7th Birthday
Aden Henry!
June 18th
Love,
Mom, Dad, Papa Keith,
Miklyn and Isaiah



Happy 14th Birthday to my nephew Ja-Co-Be, Jacob Dewey, June 23.
Happy 13th birthday to my nephew Jonah Bug, Jonah Pollock, June 9.
Happy sweet 16th birthday to my niece, Marley Jade.

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



Darius Foster
May 17
Happy birthday to my Grandson Darius Foster, a great artist and a most courteous guy! Hey, we wish you the best in life, continue your education, you're doing great! We back you up! Your whole family loves you,
Mom Deena, Dad, Derek Sr., Grandma Nell, Son Dog, Dacia Jill, Danielle and Jr.



Sydney Hart
May 30
Happy Birthday
From your mother, sisters and grandma

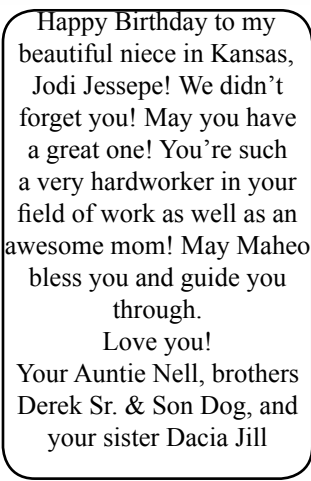


Happy 12th Birthday Mckenna Beth Lime!
We are so proud of all your accomplishments! Keep up the good work our A/B student!! Love from mommy, daddy and all your family!

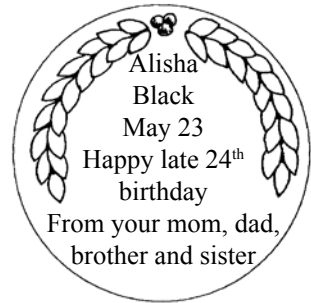


Happy 5th birthday to my niece Lillian Rose Pollock, May 19th.
I hope you all have a blessed and super fantastic birthday!
Love, Auntie Cheryl

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



Happy Birthday to my beautiful niece in Kansas, Jodi Jessepe! We didn't forget you! May you have a great one! You're such a very hardworker in your field of work as well as an awesome mom! May Maheo bless you and guide you through.
Love you!
Your Auntie Nell, brothers Derek Sr. & Son Dog, and your sister Dacia Jill



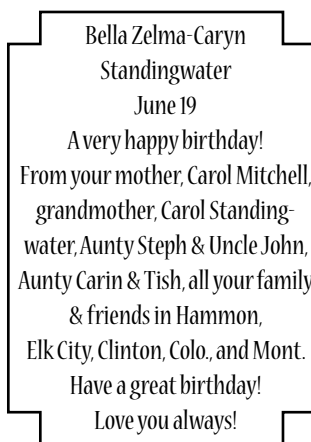
Alisha Black
May 23
Happy late 24th birthday
From your mom, dad, brother and sister



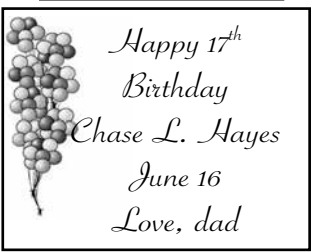
On your Birthday May 18th
Wishing you happiness, to welcome each morning.
Wishing you laughter, to make your heart sing.
Wishing you friendship, sharing and caring, and all of the joy that you are as a great Father, Uncle and Brother.
Happy Birthday Elliot "Bill" Lanham
From your sons, nieces, nephews and brothers.



Happy Belated Birthday to Debbie Buffalohead!
From, the Collins Family



Bella Zelma-Caryn Standingwater
June 19
A very happy birthday!
From your mother, Carol Mitchell, grandmother, Carol Standingwater, Auntie Steph & Uncle John, Auntie Carin & Tish, all your family & friends in Hammon, Elk City, Clinton, Colo., and Mont.
Have a great birthday!
Love you always!



Happy 17th Birthday
Chase L. Hayes
June 16
Love, dad



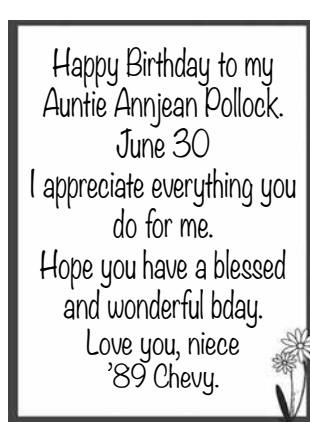
Happy 82nd Birthday
Elsie Ruth Ross
June 1, 1933
The older you get, the more precious you get. At 82, you've become more precious than all the gold in the world to everyone who knows and loves you.
From Bill & Bob Lamebull and your 25 grandkids, 38 great-grandkids plus the two on the way!



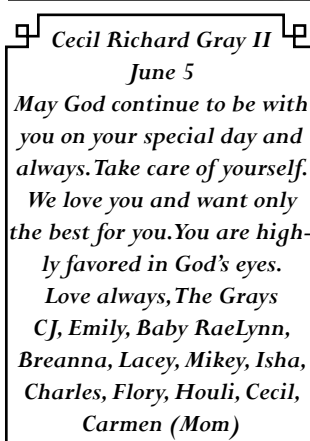
forever & always
Happy 20th Anniversary to my best friend, Gary Lime. Through all the bad times, there have been better times 77 times over! I am so thankful that God played a hand in our finding each other! (We also have your sister to thank for that!) We have so much to be thankful for, your family, my family, our church and most of all God in our lives! I want you to know that I love you and that you are the most important person in my life, next to our Holy Creator!
Love, your wife Angie



Gabriel Pollock
May 4th
Happy 1st Birthday to my nephew Baby Gabriel
Love, Aunt Cheryl



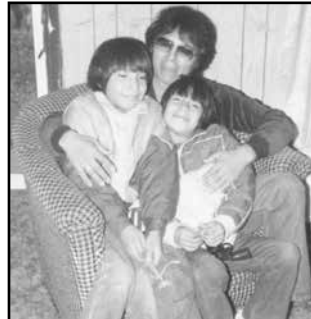
Happy Birthday to my Auntie Annjean Pollock.
June 30
I appreciate everything you do for me.
Hope you have a blessed and wonderful bday.
Love you, niece '89 Chevy.



Cecil Richard Gray II
June 5
May God continue to be with you on your special day and always. Take care of yourself. We love you and want only the best for you. You are highly favored in God's eyes.
Love always, The Grays
CJ, Emily, Baby RaeLynn, Breanna, Lacey, Mikey, Isha, Charles, Flory, Houli, Cecil, Carmen (Mom)



I want to wish my amazing Husband a very very Happy Birthday! Glory and I love you so much. We love you more today than we did yesterday and we will love you more tomorrow than we did today. Thank you for being such a wonderful father and husband.
Forever yours,
Hauli Sioux & Glory Violet



Derek Foster Sr.
May 10
Happy belated birthday! You are an awesome son and a friend to all. You never met a stranger! A very hard worker in your field of work but still a kid at heart. We love you and wish you the best, for you truly deserve it! May Maheo continue to bless and guide you.
Your family, Mom Nel, Son Dog, Dacia Jill, Jr., Daris, Danielle and Deena



CONGRATULATIONS!
Congrats to Nikki F. Little Axe graduated from Tri-County Tech, Bartlesville, Ok., Nikki will receive her pin 5-30-15.
From, the Elk River-Whiteskunk family.



William Geionety
Congratulations on your high school graduation! From, your Grandmother Vera Buffalomeat



Jaiden Gabriel Allen
Congratulations Daddy's Girl!
Jaiden is graduating from Timberland High School and she has been accepted into college in Enid, Okla. She would like to help children like her brother Draven who has autism. Jaiden is so amazing, she is so unselfish and considerate of others. She cares about people with a loving heart of gold. She inspires in so many ways, words cannot define her or what she means to me. She completely leaves me in awe! She has the heart of a lion! Congratulations sissy! I hope your day is as beautiful as you are!
Love forever and always,
Daddy
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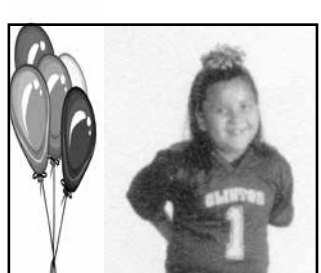
Scott Joseph Lanham
May 15th
To our brother, a father and son who works hard, cares deeply, and gives his best for the people in his life. Hope you always know how much that means to all those whose lives you touch.
Happy Birthday Scott Joseph Lanham
Much Love from Rhianna, Lola, Jules, Getsky, nieces and nephews
Sisters Steph and Ann, Gparents Doris & Walt and of course Mom and Pops!



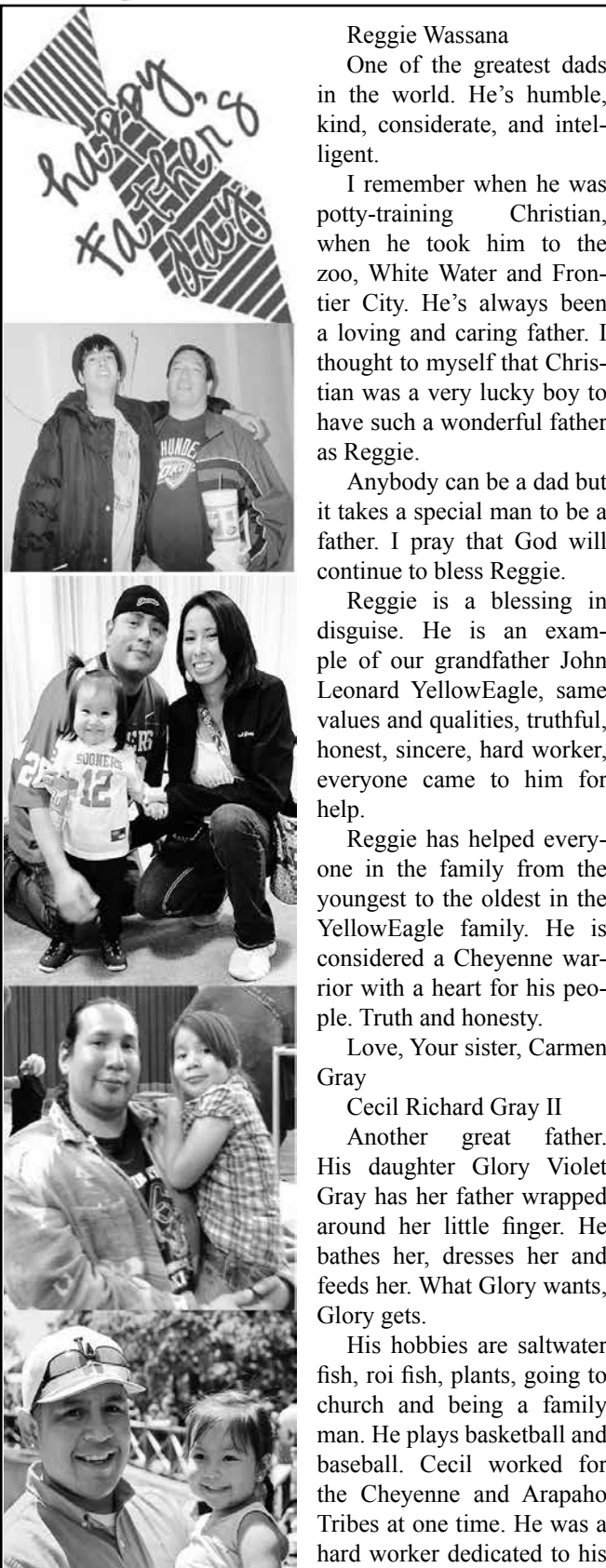
Congratulations!
Congratulations Jordan Bailey from Grandma Bonita Cruz. We are all so proud of you!
Love, all your Yukon & Woodward family



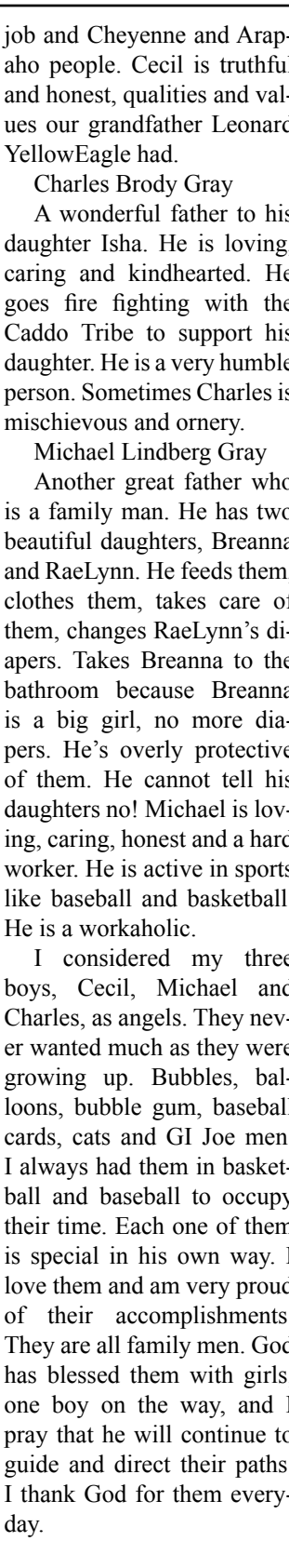
I would like to wish a very Happy Mother's Day to Wilda Gould, Tonya Moore, Monica Allen, Rest Hampton, Roni Robinett, Paula Gould, Ashli Reyes, Maurisa Little Thunder, Lindsay Gould, Candace Hooten, Jami Lee Black, Annie Walker, Alana Blackwolf and Marchi Armizo! Happy Momma's Day!
I love you all and hope you all bingo!
Love, Jay Allen



To my beautiful Miss Jaidyn Lenae Curtis, Congratulations on graduating kindergarten. I am very proud of you and I love you very much.
Love always and forever, Dad, Virgil Louis Curtis



Happy Father's Day
Reggie Wassana
One of the greatest dads in the world. He's humble, kind, considerate, and intelligent.
I remember when he was potty-training Christian, when he took him to the zoo, White Water and Frontier City. He's always been a loving and caring father. I thought to myself that Christian was a very lucky boy to have such a wonderful father as Reggie.
Anybody can be a dad but it takes a special man to be a father. I pray that God will continue to bless Reggie.
Reggie is a blessing in disguise. He is an example of our grandfather John Leonard YellowEagle, same values and qualities, truthful, honest, sincere, hard worker, everyone came to him for help.
Reggie has helped everyone in the family from the youngest to the oldest in the YellowEagle family. He is considered a Cheyenne warrior with a heart for his people. Truth and honesty.
Love, Your sister, Carmen Gray
Cecil Richard Gray II
Another great father. His daughter Glory Violet Gray has her father wrapped around her little finger. He bathes her, dresses her and feeds her. What Glory wants, Glory gets.
His hobbies are saltwater fish, roi fish, plants, going to church and being a family man. He plays basketball and baseball. Cecil worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes at one time. He was a hard worker dedicated to his



job and Cheyenne and Arapaho people. Cecil is truthful and honest, qualities and values our grandfather Leonard YellowEagle had.
Charles Brody Gray
A wonderful father to his daughter Isha. He is loving, caring and kindhearted. He goes fire fighting with the Caddo Tribe to support his daughter. He is a very humble person. Sometimes Charles is mischievous and ornery.
Michael Lindberg Gray
Another great father who is a family man. He has two beautiful daughters, Breanna and RaeLynn. He feeds them, clothes them, takes care of them, changes RaeLynn's diapers. Takes Breanna to the bathroom because Breanna is a big girl, no more diapers. He's overly protective of them. He cannot tell his daughters no! Michael is loving, caring, honest and a hard worker. He is active in sports like baseball and basketball. He is a workaholic.
I considered my three boys, Cecil, Michael and Charles, as angels. They never wanted much as they were growing up. Bubbles, balloons, bubble gum, baseball cards, cats and GI Joe men. I always had them in basketball and baseball to occupy their time. Each one of them is special in his own way. I love them and am very proud of their accomplishments. They are all family men. God has blessed them with girls, one boy on the way, and I pray that he will continue to guide and direct their paths. I thank God for them everyday.



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- Supervised IIM Worker, Social Services**
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Closing: June 8, 2015
- Property & Supply Director**
Closing: Until Filled
- Receptionist / Licensing Technician**
Gaming Commission / Concho, OK
Closing: Until Filled
- Data Entry/File Clerk PT-Roads Program**
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Prefer Bachelors Degree in Social Work or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require two years of experience in professional related field. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work other hours including after 5:00 PM. Must understand and strive to implement the program’s goal, objectives, rules, and regulations. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and Non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma Drivers License to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/ Native Americans cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs

SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:

Associate degree or 24 hours of college coursework, bachelor degree preferred. Minimum two years of supervisory experience. Possess valid state driver’s license, furnish copy with application. CDL or CDL eligible-class B, if needed. Training and warehouse knowledge; familiar with warehouse and loading and unloading safety practices as well as applicable regulations/policies. Working knowledge and experience using computers. Must be able to demonstrate ability/knowledge of computer (Microsoft Office). Demonstrate experience and ability to relate and communicate well with Indian and non-Indian individuals/households. Ability to prepare and administer federal grants and contracts. Strong organizational, writing and communication skills. Tribal preference. Must pass pre-hire drug testing.

SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:

Degree in Social Work or Associates Degree with 1 year experience in related field or 2yrs. Experience in related field. Valid Oklahoma State issued Driver’s license. FEMA NIMS certified within 1 year of selection.

SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:

Must have valid Oklahoma Driver’s License in order to operate a government vehicle. High School diploma or GED certified required. Must be able to favorably pass a background check in which suitability of employment is determined. One year or relevant experience i.e. secretarial, para-professional, administrative assistant, etc. Cheyenne and Arapaho Preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:

Associate or Bachelor-degree in Management or Business Administration (or closely related degree with courses in management) is preferred, but not required. Work experience of at least 5 years in this field, with federal programs preferred. Must be able to meet the physical requirements associated with this position. Must possess valid Oklahoma drivers license--CDL preferred. Must pass pre-hire drug screening. Must possess strong interpersonal and customer service skills. Must possess strong organizational skills. Must possess the ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks and responsibilities.

SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:

High School Degree or Equivalent. Minimum two years of clerical/administrative experience. Computer literate. Familiar with practices/procedures of the gaming industry. Ability to maintain high level of confidentiality. Strong work ethic. Available to work evenings and weekends. Pass extensive background check. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable



OKLAHOMA INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES, INC. Indian Wills Clinic

Attorneys from Oklahoma Indian Legal Services will provide free will preparation services for eligible tribal members who own interest in Indian Trust/Restr. Land from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2015 at the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes, Rollin Haag Native American Church Building in Concho, Okla. Please call Norma to register at (800) 658-1497. **You must have an appointment to talk to an attorney.**

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Deadline for Change of Address and W9 forms is July 24, 2015

Change of Address and W9 Process: Please submit all Change of Address and W9 forms to Enrollment Department by above date. Forms can be downloaded online at www.c-a-tribes.org (click Programs, then “Enrollment”) or by calling Enrollment (405) 422-7600 and/or Per Cap (405) 422-7725. Change of Address form will need to be notarized before submission. Enrollment Department will forward all updated forms to the Per Capita Office. Please keep in mind that the mailing address on Change of Address form and W9 form will need to match. Per Capita Office will mail check or any letters concerning your account to mailing address on Change of Address and W9. Once paperwork is processed, Per Cap Office will review accounts

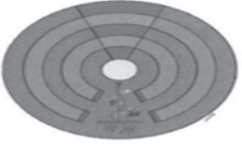
to determine if any past due checks are available for release. All 2015 Gaming and Revenue payments will be released on August 15, 2015 by mail and amount will be posted when available. Tribal Members who are turning 18 years of age by July 31, 2015 will be eligible for 2015 Gaming and Revenue payment and should have Change of Address, W9, and Social Security card turned into Enrollment Department. If you have any Child Support, Student Loans or Federal Garnishments that need to be addressed, or questions, please contact the Per Capita Office at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27725 or (405) 422-7725. All garnishments of Child Support, Student Loans, and/or Federal Garnishments need to be submitted to the Per Capita Office by July 24, 2015.

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OSCAR JOHN BIRDSHEAD
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SHELLY ROBIN YATES
Respondent,

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **SHELLY ROBIN YATES**

You are hereby notified that OSCAR JOHN BIRDSHEAD has filed in this Court a Petition for Custody regarding B.B and O.J.B. minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of MAY, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 6th day of MAY, 2015.


David Littlebear, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Oscar John Birdshead Sr.
408 Kimberly Dr.
Elk City, OK 73644

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES
IN THE TRIAL COURT FOR THE
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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes,
In the Interest of:
D. C. R., DOB: 06-21-2006
L. M. R., DOB: 11-12-2007
Alleged Neglected or Dependent Children.
And Concerning:
Christopher F. Roberts, Respondent Father

Case No. JFJ-2014-0004

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: **Christopher Franklin Roberts**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Juvenile Petition has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above named minor children are deprived, neglected or dependent children and requesting the Court to adjudicate said children as such, and further requesting the termination of the parent-child legal relationship between the children D.C.R. and L.M.R. and their father, Christopher Franklin Roberts, if the Juvenile Petition is sustained, all as more fully set out in the Juvenile Petition filed in the above referenced cause.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 2nd day of July, 2015, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the Juvenile Petition and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of the Juvenile Petition.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of the juvenile petition at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the juvenile petition and the right to object to the granting of the juvenile petition and the termination of your parental rights to said children and to show why your said children should not be dependent or neglected children and why it is not necessary or in the best interests of said children that your parental rights to them be terminated. Your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the children, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court adjudicating your said children as dependent or neglected children and terminating the parent-child legal relationship between said children and their father, Christopher Franklin Roberts, in accordance with law.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2015.


Albert Ghezzi, Attorney General
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CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES
IN THE TRIAL COURT FOR THE
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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes,
In the Interest of:
C.L.R.H.R., DOB: 08-06-2011
Alleged Neglected or Dependent Child.
And Concerning:
Gary D. Rutledge, Respondent Father

Case No. JFJ-2014-0004

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: **Gary Dean Rutledge**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Juvenile Petition has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above named minor child is a deprived, neglected or dependent child and requesting the Court to adjudicate said child as such, and further stating that that the termination of the parent-child legal relationship between the child C.L.R.H.R. and his father, Gary Dean Rutledge, is a possible remedy available if the Juvenile Petition is sustained, all as more fully set out in the attached Juvenile Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 2nd day of July, 2015, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the Juvenile Petition and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of the Juvenile Petition.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of the juvenile petition at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the juvenile petition and the right to object to the granting of the juvenile petition and to show why your said child should not be adjudicated to be a dependent or neglected child. Your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court adjudicating your said child as a dependent or neglected child in accordance with law.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2015.


Lisa B. Otisoby Herbert, Judge
Cheyenne and Arapaho District Court


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Native ReVision’s annual All Star Football Classic set for Fourth of July

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Every year, as June draws to a close, Native ReVision, is busily preparing for the thousands of spectators, Native American athletes, coaches and sponsors that will converge at the University of Texas in Arlington Maverick Stadium.

Native ReVision, a non-profit Dallas based organization was founded by Cheyenne tribal member, Steve Cardwell, to promote Native athletes from all tribes across the country.

“One of the most effective ways we’ve found to live our mission is to hold a week-long football combine followed by the Native All-Star Football Classic. This life-changing camp and game were specifically created for Native American and Alaska Native high school football players along with Canadian Aboriginals who will graduate in 2015. Since 2002, this game has given young Native American men the honor to finish out their outstanding high school careers, many of whom go on to compete at the collegiate level while others begin new endeavors outside of football,” Cardwell stated via www.nativererevision.org.

According to the Website, it states, “Native ReVision has set a goal to expose at-risk Native American and Indian Land kids to better ways of living and higher aspirations and goals than not dying of diabetes, sui-

cide, or alcoholism. The organization promotes a wellness program for the entire family thereby empowering the children to help guide their elders to a healthy way of living, thus honoring our traditional ways in this modern world.”

“Native ReVision is here to empower the youth with the self-confidence and life skills to become effective leaders in whatever life paths they choose. If you would like to join us in our efforts to empower Native Youth, please consider either a sponsorship or in-kind donation,” Cardwell said. “Every year we reach out to tribes across the country in hopes that one day they will recognize the importance of what we are trying to accomplish with these young Native men, and invest in their Native American youth.”

Cardwell said Native ReVision supports and guides at-risk Native American male students through athletic programs, annual events, and individual mentoring.

“We help these young men identify their unique talents and set goals to achieve their dreams. We encourage them to recognize and take advantage of life’s opportunities to overcome the odds and make a successful transition into an accomplished adulthood,”

he said. “With the closing of the Haskell University Football program, it is even more important to host this event to get these kids some exposure to colleges.”

Athleticism and physical fitness have traditionally been an integral part of American Indian culture.



Almost every report of a ‘first encounter’ with the Native population by Europeans includes a description of the physical fitness and beauty of the people. Developing and maintaining excellent physical health and fitness was a time-honored core value among Native people for thousands of years.

“We need to get back to that basic conviction in order to preserve our culture in the face of the massive onslaught of negative influences directed toward our children through mass media,” Cardwell believes.

According to the National Center for Educational statistics, of the over 18 million students enrolled in

college, over 65 percent are white, but a mere .09 percent are Native American and the U.S. Dept. of Education stats show a dimmer picture with .07 percent.

Native ReVision was created to help change that.

Cardwell likes to quote T.S. Elliot who spoke of “not ceasing from exploration until we return from where we started and know the place for the first time.”

And the opportunity to provide a small window into what is possible is just that for so many.

“A chance for young Native American athletes to represent and honor their heritage, their tribe, and their past ... while exposing them to opportunities for their future,” Cardwell said.

Native ReVision’s Native American All-Star Football Classic is not only about these young athletes succeeding in football, but in life. By instilling values and the importance of education, respect, discipline and team work, Cardwell said these young people have an even better shot at being positive role models and strong leaders in their own lives, as well as within the Native American Community as a whole.

Native All-Star Players have an opportunity to, experience life on college campus, learn about what it take to get into a good col-

lege, develop leadership skills that will enhance their lives and the lives of others, and have fun.

“There are sponsorship and donation opportunities to help by empowering us to develop ongoing education and enrich opportunities for Native American youth and enable more Native American athletes to share the Native Nation All Star Experience.”

Why Support Native Revision?

Native Revision has a strong presence and a solid reputation in the Native American community. As a corporate sponsor you will be included on all of their mailings, digital promotions, and signage at the Combine and the actual Football Classic.

“I am blessed by the creator to be able to fund this important event every year as it is a huge event for the 50 Native student athletes who attend this life changing event. It is an honor for me to know these future leaders and to see what our next generation of Indians will look like and what they believe is important to themselves and their respective tribes,” Cardwell said. “I rarely take days off from running my company during the year, but I take the entire seven days off to be with these student athletes and get to know each



Photo by Robert Hughes
Steve Cardwell, founder of Native ReVision.

one of them and their tribal/family traditions as well as answering questions they may have about how I made it to where I am. It is such a rewarding experience.”

Cardwell said he has athletes who are in college and come every year to volunteer as assistant coaches, equipment guys and whatever the event requires.

“To see all the coaches who volunteer and the families who travel great distances to see their sons lace ‘em up, in some cases for the very last time ... is an honor. They all are some of the most humble and respectful people I have ever met in my life,” Cardwell said.

For more information about Native ReVision, sponsorships and to donate, visit www.nativererevision.org.



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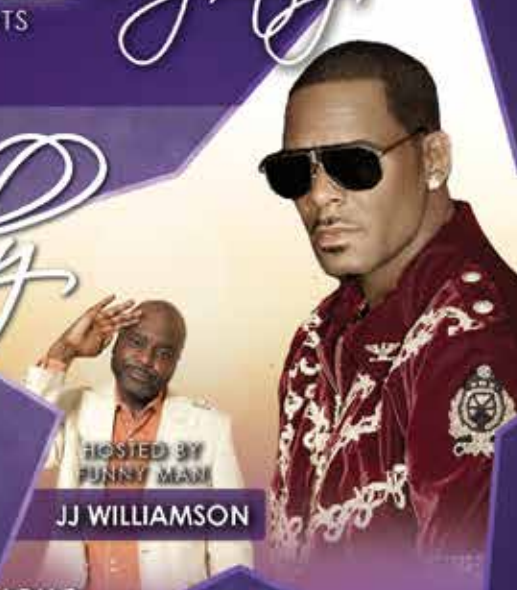
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